

# GARY LEADS IN CORONER'S CASES

Fifty-two Recorded There and Hammond Comes a Close Second With Fifty According to Statistics

## SHANKLIN'S REPORT OUT

Thirty-Six People Lose Their Lives on Steam Railroads in 1909.

Lake county in the year 1909 had 200 coroner's cases, by a strange coincidence just as many as were recorded in the year 1908. Hammond and Gary together had more than half of the cases for the year 1909, Gary leading with 52, or two more than Hammond had. Indiana Harbor, East Chicago and Whiting follow in succession respectively.

Eighty-three of the total number of deaths were found to be due to natural causes, 63 of the 83 having been males and 18 females. Pneumonia and heart trouble were found to be the most frequent cause for natural deaths in adults, while summer sickness carried away the

largest number of homicides for the year. It has been reduced as compared with the year 1908, there having been 8 in the latter year and only 5 in the year just ended. Of the homicides in the year 1909 4 were males and 1 a female.

**RAILROADS TAKE 36 LIVES.**  
The number of suicides, to have decreased, there having been 14 in the year 1909 and 9 in the year 1908. Of the latter number 7 were males and 2 were females. Four of the suicides died of gunshot wounds, 2 by taking drugs, 2 by hanging themselves, and 1 by gas asphyxiation.  
Steam roads were responsible for 36 deaths, the number being divided among the railroads as follows: Penn-

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## ROBERTSDALE MAN DIES LAST EVENING

Paul Stiller, Aged 48, Passes Away After Short Illness.

Paul Stiller, 48 years old, died last evening at his home, 13 3/4 Roberts avenue, Robertsdale. He has been sick for some time, and his death is ascribed to asthma. Mr. Stiller was employed as watchman on the Pennsylvania crossing. He leaves a widow and eight children.

Mr. Stiller was a member of the order of Knights and Ladies of Honor, and will be buried under their auspices. The funeral has been arranged for Friday afternoon. Services will be held at the home at 1 o'clock, after which the body will be taken to the Evangelical church, Robertsdale. Burial will be at Oak Hill cemetery.

## GETS BRICK ON WEDDING MORN

August Devernann of South Chicago was passing a building on State street in Hammond in the course of construction, when a brick which toppled from the wall on the second story of the building fell and struck him on the head. He was knocked unconscious and a deep gash was cut in his forehead.

Devernann is to be married today and the accident will make him anything but a presentable groom. He is the manager of the new five and ten-cent store which has been located "the new Paxton building on East State street."

The building from which the brick fell is, according to the report, being built by Contractor Kennedy. It is being built on the south side of State street, a little east of Oakley avenue.

## HOLDERS OF BONDS ARE HAPPY

Supreme Court Decision in Gravel Road Bond Matter Gives General Satisfaction in Lake County, Where Interests Are Vital

(Special to THE TIMES.)  
Crown Point, Ind., Jan. 26.—Although a month late in its presentation the Christmas present handed out by the supreme court yesterday, in the shape of news from Indianapolis stating that that body had reversed its recent decision regarding the constitutionality of the gravel road bond law, was a most

timely and welcome one. The largest contractors and petitioners as if it had come months sooner, and all those interested received the news as printed in THE TIMES last evening with the greatest of rejoicing.

The decision handed down by the supreme court in the morning was telegraphed here by Clerk of the Supreme Court Fitzpatrick, and probably means as much to Lake county contractors, bondholders and private citizens as any question that has arisen in Lake county in years. With miles of roads under construction unfinished, with thousands of dollars of worthless paper, without the stamp of the state's approval as to its validity, with petitioners anxiously awaiting the decision of the supreme court, the news that the statute had been held constitutional ended a long siege of anxiety.

Work on many miles of road paving in Lake county will be resumed in the spring, and the various contractors who have been waiting for large slices of their contract money from the county will be paid at the next commissioners' meeting.

## STANDARD LIABLE FOR DAMAGES

The Standard Steel Car company was made liable yesterday for a judgment for \$12,000 in Judge Landis court, in Chicago, yesterday for an alleged violation of the child-labor law in which Andrew Chee of this city had his arm caught in two cogwheels at the plant. Chee is not yet 16 years old, but he admitted on the stand that he informed the men at the plant that he was 17 years old at the time he was employed. The attorneys for the defendant company gave notice that they would appeal the case. The negligence of the company was established through the failure of the company to provide coverings for the cogwheels.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

(Special to THE TIMES.)  
Crown Point, Ind., Jan. 26.—The following marriage licenses have been issued here:  
Martin J. Casey, Gertrude L. Conway, Chicago. Robert Carlson, Marie Palmer, Chicago. Edward A. Stone, Louise Brown, Chicago. John Putz, Theresa Furst, Chicago. William E. Laiz, Martha E. Worland, Chicago. George M. Reese, Katherine Corbett, Chicago.

ADVERTISE AND AGAIN IN THE TIMES

## ADVERSE COMMENT AROUSED

Mayor L. Becker's Designation of Governor Marshall While Latter Was in Hammond Shocks Business Men.

Governor Marshall spent several hours in Hammond yesterday and met some of the leading business men of the city. Today there are several stories being told of things the mayor said and did while here.

Regardless of the political faith of the Hammond citizens who met the governor they are of the opinion that Marshall is a gentleman and a citizen of a high order.

Governor Marshall met the Hammond citizens in the office of J. G. Ibach and surprised them by his genial manner and his lack of ostentation. He told stories and laughed as he recalled this or that incident and made himself generally agreeable.

Lawrence Becker, whose Lafayette speech depreciating the governor's political future, has caused so much adverse comment all over the state, went to Mr. Ibach's office and met the governor.

**Sits on Small of Back.**  
Those who were present say that he sat on the small of his back and listened to the conversation without saying much. Even the balm of good fellowship that Governor Marshall applied so freely did not seem to make Becker a part of circle of good fellows, and he finally got up and left the room. The Becker speech, which has now

been in the papers for some time, is said to have been beautifully illustrated. There are other things which might be said of Becker's attitude toward the governor on this occasion which for the sake of decency and the good name of the city of Hammond will not be repeated here, but what Becker called Marshall after he left the office has angered a lot of Hammond citizens.

In striking contrast to the attitude of Mayor Becker is the attitude of the other citizens of Hammond who tried to honor the chief executive of the state while he was in the city. The impression that Governor Marshall made on those who met him was a very favorable one, and today there are a score of men who are praising the manly, gentlemanly qualities of the governor of Indiana.

## RIVERS ARE STILL THINKING ABOUT IT

Little Calumet and Kankakee Rivers Have Not Yet Begun to Slop Over.

Reports from the farmers along the Little Calumet and Kankakee rivers, in Lake county, are that the rivers have not yet begun to rise. While there has been something of a thaw it has not been pronounced enough to cause the water in the rivers to rise.

However, the fact is only too apparent that there are millions of gallons of water on the surface of the ground in the form of snow and ice, and if a thorough and prolonged thaw comes there is sure to be the worst flood that the county has ever known.

This will be true especially if the thaw is accompanied by warm rains. The ground is frozen so that the water will run off instead of filtering through the ground.

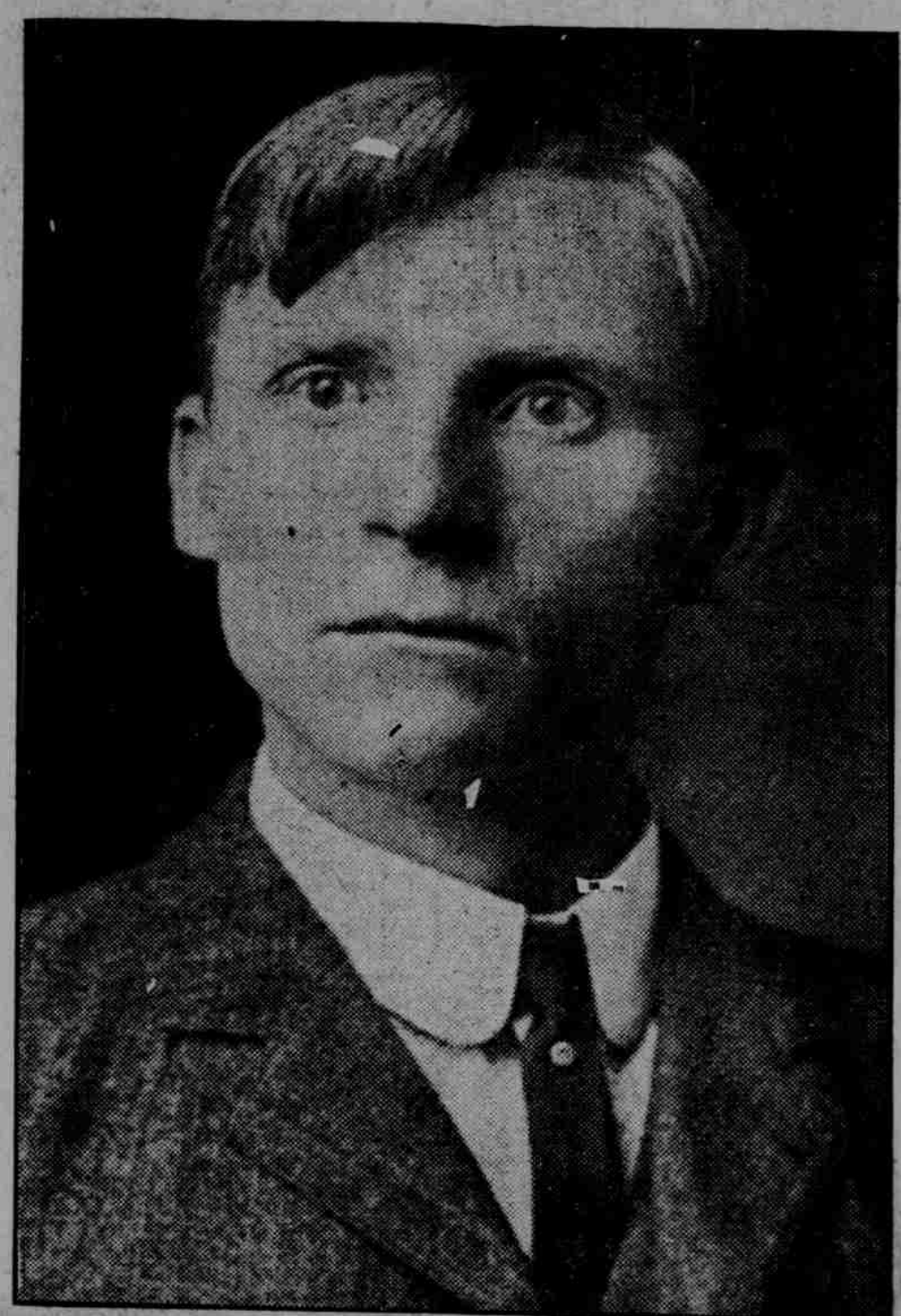
## HEGEWISCH ASKS FOR STREET CARS

1,000 Residents at Mass Meeting Make Demand.

About 1,000 residents of Hegewisch attended a meeting of the Hegewisch Improvement club at the opera house last night and expressed their approval of a demand that the Chicago City railway proceed at once to lay tracks to Hegewisch, and begin operation of cars to Chicago. Speeches were made by Aldermen Emerson and Jones, Henry W. Lee and George W. Bolling, M. C. Zacharias, vice president of the Hegewisch bank and president of the improvement club, president. Twenty suburban improvement organizations were represented. The meeting favored "the working people's route."

THE TIMES IS TRYING HARD TO MERIT THE SUCCESS IT HAS ACHIEVED.

## Prominent Candidate For Co. Treasurership Nomination



ALBERT J. SWANSON OF HOBART.

Mr. Swanson, candidate for the nomination for treasurer on the republican ticket, was born in Sweden in 1869 and has lived in Hobart since he was three years of age. He is in business and a self-made man. In 1909 he was elected to the office of township trustee and served a term of four years. He was the first trustee to introduce in township schools a special teacher of music and also typewriting. He has always been a hard republican worker. As early as 1888 he led a Hobart delegation of Ben Harrison "Kids" to a large political gathering at the county seat and in 1895 he was chairman of the Hobart address of introduction. For six years he was vice chairman and for two years treasurer of the county central committee and for eight years was a precinct committeeman. Mr. Swanson is married and possesses a happy family of wife and four children. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order from the Blue Lodge to the Shrine, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Maccabees. He is also a member of the Sheet Metal Workers, No. 303, of Hammond.

## SCHOOL CHILDREN REPORTED HUNGRY

Teachers in Certain Schools Feel Sure That Charges Are Not Properly Fed.

## PRINCIPAL SUGGESTS RELIEF

Children Call for Bread When There Is Nothing But Pie in the House.

## PHILANTHROPIST SUGGESTS REMEDY.

I would suggest as a possible solution of the problem of underfed school children that, for the present at least, some charitable institution establish soup houses in certain schools in the city. It would be an act of humanity and would help to make the children physically better able to do their school work.

MISS L. S. SYMMES, Principal of Lincoln School.

It is reported in various parts of the city that school children are sent to school without the proper nourishment. The matter has been called to the attention of the principals of the various schools, and they have done all in their power to alleviate the condition, but there is very little that they can do. In the matter of providing the pupils with proper clothing considerable has been done. Some of the church societies and the Woman's club have provided mittens, warm underwear and warm clothing for the pupils and have accomplished a great deal of good. But it is practically impossible to provide food for the pupils of the schools. The teachers are certain that some of their pupils come to school without proper nourishment, and it is impossible to get them to do much

**Barnie's New Contracts.**  
Barnie Young is playing with Weber's band of Cincinnati at the Electrical show this week. He will also play at the auto show this year, beginning Feb. 5 to 12.

MaVendor Cigars are pronounced exceptionally good by all smokers.

## THE JUDGE SAYS VILLAGE IS GOOD NOW

West Hammond is decidedly on its good behavior of late judging from the little work in Judge Green's court. "Things are quiet over here," said the judge, "and while you are about it you might say a good word for our village. Occasionally an unfortunate is brought before the court on the charge of disorderly conduct or charged with drunkenness, but in the last week there has practically nothing at all in this line." Charles Reed, who gave his residence as Hammond and his place of employment, was arrested last night on the charge of disorderly conduct, but was released this morning upon promise to behave in West Hammond hereafter.

## BOWERS' WORK IS RECALLED

Present Referee in Bankruptcy Certainly Stirred Up Things When He Was Prosecutor Under Tom Heard.

The standard of the practice of law in Lake county recalls a crusade that was started a number of years ago when Tom Heard of Valparaiso was prosecutor and Frank Gavitt was his deputy in Whiting and John O. Bowers was the deputy in Hammond.

At that time Justice H. B. Crawford was prosecuted on the charge of misappropriating a portion of the fines which came into his office and was found guilty. The case was appealed to the supreme court of the state and finally Crawford was sentenced to a term in the penitentiary.

Sylvanus Van Winkle of Crown Point was also arrested on the charge of misconduct in his office and was released because he was an old soldier and there were four old soldiers on the jury which tried him. Justice Kelly of Hobart was arrested and prosecuted.

An ex-mayor of Hammond was another of the justices who was prosecuted at the time, but nothing was done in his case. But the matter did not end with these officials. The sheriff of the county and the chief of police of Hammond were both prosecuted at the time.

**Big Shakeup Followed.**  
Never in the history of the county was there such a shaking up as occurred under the prosecution of Tom Heard and Deputy Prosecutor John O. Bowers. Bowers, according to the old-timers who remember the crusade, was the most fearless prosecutor

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## ERIE FROG POND CAUSES COMMENT

Poor Old Erie Should Raise Ducks, Then They Might Profit.

The poor old Erie, unable to pay the cost of putting in a drain to take off the surface water that now has converted the ground in the rear on the place into a frog pond, has been compelled to bail out the water which had poured over the Nickel Plate tracks and employs a number of men to do the work.

That a railroad is so poor that it has to bail out its right of way instead of putting in the proper drains is the source of the acerbic criticism that has been heaped upon this railroad since it refused to build a new depot or even to remove the old buildings and sign boards which destroy the appearance of the present depot.

**Work Completed.**  
The criminal work in the Lake superior court was completed yesterday and this morning the court took up the civil docket. It will be impossible to try any of the civil cases today, but the case of Macelwicz vs. the Chicago & Erie railroad will be taken up tomorrow. It is expected that by the time this case is disposed of the court and the attorneys will be ready to try other cases on the docket.

## STRIKE SITUATION DANGEROUS

Women Get Into Standard Steel Car Strike Trouble and Commit Mayhem—Woman Is Shot and Policemen Are Hurt.

The strike situation at the Standard Steel Car plant, in Hammond, assumed a serious aspect this morning when the women joined with the men in assaults upon the police officers and several of them were injured. Iron bars, stove pipes, broom sticks, salt and pepper and the teeth of the enraged foreigners were some of the weapons that were used against the police.

It is expected that the trouble tomorrow morning will be even more serious and Sheriff Grant will be called upon to send a large force of deputies to the scene of the strike to aid in the work of quelling riots and restoring order.

This morning, it is estimated, there were 600 foreigners in the streets and at the gates of the plant interfering with the workers as they went into the plant. While heretofore, they had contented themselves with stopping only to laborers, they stopped clerks and every one else this morning and even threatened to prevent Superintendent H. B. Douglas from going to the plant tomorrow.

**Many Are Injured.**  
It is variously estimated that there were from 600 to 1,000 foreigners in the streets and at the mill gate this morning at 7 o'clock. The attack of

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## COMMISSION PLANK IN PLATFORM

Indiana Republicans May Adopt Des Moines, Iowa, Form of Municipal Government, and Many Cities Will Favor It.

**TIMES BUREAU, AT STATE CAPITAL.**

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 26.—It came to light today that certain republicans in the last few days have been discussing the makeup of the next state platform. It has been pretty well settled what disposition is to be made of the liquor question and a number of minor plans for the platform were considered. It was said, but no decision was reached. It was found though that one of the suggestions made was that the republican state platform declare in favor of the commission form of government such as has been employed at Des Moines, Iowa, and a few other places. The suggestion that this be included in the state platform came from one of the state officers of the republican party, and while his suggestion met with some encouragement there is a grave question as to whether it will get into the platform, as the republicans propose to consider every question very carefully before they declare for it.

"We have made a pretty good record in living up to platform promises in this state," said one republican, "and it is my opinion that we should be chary about declaring for something unless we are sure we could stand for it. Of course it might be that we could declare that we were in favor of gradually coming to that form of government for cities and then a law might be enacted which would give cities of a certain size the option of taking up the commission form. However, I would be opposed to declaring for anything radical along this line."

The state house man who presented the idea was enthusiastic about it. "I

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